

Welcome to the Legislative Update for July 2, 2010

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's seniors and advocates for aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. *Between legislative sessions, the Legislative Update is provided monthly with a federal focus.* Information provided is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and to give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The Legislative Update is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

GENERAL OVERVIEW

Budget Information Update

The **Joint Legislative Budget Committee** (JLBC) has posted the ***Tracking Arizona's Recovery June 2010*** report. To access, go to:

<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/TrackingAZRecovery.pdf>

The JLBC ***Budget Background June 23, 2010*** report is found at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/budgetbackground.pdf>

The June 2010 ***Monthly Fiscal Highlights*** from JLBC indicates: "Year-to-date, revenues are \$7.2 million above forecast." That full report is available at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/mfh-june-10.pdf>

Other News:

The **Arizona Legislative Council** has posted their analyses of the ballot measures as presented on June 23, 2010. That information is posted at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/BallotMeasureAnalyses.asp>

This week, **Governor Brewer** signed an Executive Order establishing the Arizona Commerce Authority. To read the press release, go to:

http://www.azgovernor.gov/dms/upload/PR_062910_BrewerEstablishesNewAZCommerceAuthority.pdf

Additional information and press releases are posted at *Latest News* on the Governor's website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/>

If you have a particular perspective to share at any time, you can voice your opinions to:

- Governor's Office of Constituent Services at **602-542-4331**

Or toll-free at **800-253-0883**

- Or you may wish to contact the Legislators from your area. Locate your legislators by going to the Arizona State Legislature website <http://www.azleg.gov/> and looking for: ***How do I find My Legislators?*** or by following the instructions provided at both the ***Senate and House Member links*** at the website.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION: S.3494

Senior Financial Empowerment Act of 2010

Introduced on June 15, 2010 by Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand (NY), the Act is cosponsored by Senator Herb Kohl (WI).

Senior Financial Empowerment Act of 2010 requires the Federal Trade Commission (FTC):

(1) to disseminate to seniors and their families and caregivers information on mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud targeting seniors, including on ways of referring complaints to appropriate law enforcement agencies;

(2) in response to a request about a particular entity or individual, to provide publicly available information on any record of civil or criminal law enforcement action for such fraud; and

(3) to maintain a website as a resource for such individuals on those kinds of fraud.

Directs the Attorney General to establish and administer a competitive grant program for mail, telemarketing, and Internet fraud prevention education programs for senior citizens.

Expresses the sense of Congress with respect to public awareness of the impact of such fraud on senior citizens.

On 6/15/2010, S.3494 was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Related bills include H.R. 3040.

To read about current activity and legislation in Congress, see the ***Current Activity*** section and the ***Weekly Top Five*** in the right column of the **Thomas** website: <http://www.thomas.gov/> .

*For specific information on any federal legislation, enter the bill number or description under **Search Bill Summary & Status**.*

Contact Your Congressional Member: If you are interested in Congressional bills or wish to share your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives by visiting: **<http://www.house.gov/>** for members of the House or **<http://www.senate.gov/>** for members of the Senate.

Other News:

From **Corporation for National and Community Service**

Approximately 1.6 million more volunteers served in 2009 than in 2008, making this the largest single-year increase in the number of volunteers since 2003 (annual data collection for volunteering statistics started in 2002).

A total of 63.4 million volunteers contributed 8.1 billion hours of service in 2009, equaling an estimated dollar value of approximately \$169 billion for their services.

To read the full report, go to: **<http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/>**

From the ***U.S. Department of Health & Human Services***: Early Retiree Reinsurance Program

http://www.healthreform.gov/newsroom/early_retiree_reinsurance_program.html

From **NCOA**:

Resources for September as **Senior Center Month**

http://www.ncoa.org/strengthening-community-organizations/senior-centers/national-senior-center-month-1.html?utm_source=NCOAWeek_100622&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=NCOAWeek

Retirement Research Foundation **Aging Services Grant**

<http://www.rrf.org/guidelines.htm>

In honor of the 10th Anniversary, **USA.gov** announced an update to the website: **<http://www.usa.gov/index.shtml>**

Because it's the **Fourth of July** weekend ahead, here is a link to information about the holiday and some fun facts at:

http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Independence_Day.shtml

Information & Resources:

WHAT: 2010 Statewide Symposium in Support of Military Families

WHEN: July 14th, 15th Symposium, **July 16th** Post-Symposium intensive tracks, Desert Willow Conference Center, 4340 E. Cotton Center Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85040

For more information:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/ACMFSymposiumRegistrationPacket.pdf>

WHAT: Rural Health Policy Assembly

WHEN: July 19, 2010, 5 to 9 pm, Cochise County Board of Supervisors, Building G Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Bisbee, Arizona 85603

For more information:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/BisbeeHealthAssemblyFlyer.pdf>

WHAT: Build Strong Bones for a Lifetime; University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Presents Bone Builders Physical Activity Program

WHEN: Wednesday, August 4, 2010 12:30 - 4:00 pm and **Thursday, August 5, 2010** 8:30 am - 3:30 pm; UA Cooperative Extension, 4341 E. Broadway, Phoenix, Arizona 85040

For more information:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/BBPAPTrainingFlier.pdf>

WHAT: Enhancing Physical, Cognitive & Social Function in Older Adults

WHEN: Wednesday, August 11, 2010, Crowne Plaza Phoenix, 2532 W. Peoria Avenue, Phoenix 85029

For more information:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/AzGSSummerConferenceBrochure.pdf>

Additional Information:

PCOA Older Adult Suicide Prevention Program presents Trainings in Suicide Awareness Suicide Alertness and Suicide Intervention Skills

For more information:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/PCOASuicidePreventionBrochure0110.pdf>

If you would like to submit an educational or public service event for consideration, you can do so by sending an email with the description to: gaca@az.gov . Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

Note: Now that the Session has ended, the Legislative Update is being provided monthly.

Thank you and have a safe and wonderful Fourth of July holiday!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging